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## **American Red Cross honors Senator Hammerstrom**

*Senator recognized for extraordinary service by Monroe County Chapter*

**LANSING** – State Senator Bev Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, was recently named to the 2004 Government Officials Honor Roll by the American Red Cross.

In a ceremony Tuesday night, the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross acknowledged Hammerstrom, senate majority floor leader, for extraordinary service to the American Red Cross in Michigan.

“The American Red Cross and its volunteers do so much for our communities, from disaster relief to first-aid training,” Hammerstrom said. “I’m honored to be recognized by such an outstanding organization.”

Hammerstrom was chosen for the award, in part, for sponsoring Senate Bill 179, a bill requiring school athletic coaches to be certified in sports safety training, either by completing a training course offered by the American Red Cross or an equivalent course approved by the State Board of Education. In addition, SB 179 exempts coaches who may also be doctors, nurses and other emergency personnel from receiving the additional training. The bill was passed by the Senate in May and it is currently in the House Education Committee.

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